

1 WINData Background

1. Independent Montana business

Wartv Wilde operates WINData as an independent Montana business and has been central in wind energy engineering and project development in Montana for 21 years.

2. One of the oldest wind companies in Montana

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3. Conceived and originated Blackfeet/Cut Bank and Judith Gap developments in Montana

Wilde conceived and originated Blackfeet/Cut Bank and Judith Gap developments with MPC and others in 1990's.

4. Project Manager on six US DOE energy projects in MT

Wilde/WINData has been Project Manager on six US DOE energy projects in MT and in PNW.

2 Testimony for hearing

1. WINData has 45MW of CREP capacity ready to be built this year and delivered to NWE in 2014

WINData has developed two CREP projects totaling 45MW ready to be built this year and delivered to NWE in 2014 - the **25MW Greenfield Wind CREP** is near Fairfield and the **20MW Crazy Mountain Wind CREP** is near Big Timber.

2. WINData CREP pricing is based on current avoided cost and on NWE's cost for Spion Kop

WINData CREP pricing is based on current avoided cost pricing calculations conducted at PSC hearings and on the final prices paid for Spion Kop by NWE.

3. Montana landowners and county commissioners are supportive of WINData CREP projects

Montana landowners and county commissioners are very supportive of our CREP projects and business in Teton County, Cascade County and Sweetgrass County.

4. 20-year tax base increase for Teton County is \$4.35MM and Sweetgrass County is \$2.4MM

The Tax base increase for each county pays for schools and public needs that would otherwise have to come from other sources.

5. WINData CREP project partners recently completed Spion Kop for NWE

WINData is partnering on the CREP projects with Ryan Companies USA and Union Bank of California, the team that completed Spion Kop for NWE in 2012.

6. CREP laws to support our Montana business

WINData counts on the MCA CREP laws to support our Montana business and for our projects to be successful.